Education Minister's Conference

566. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a conference of the Education Minister's was held recently;

(b) if so, what were the main points discussed therein;

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to revise the text books in certain States; and

(d) if so ,what are the salient features thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d): At its meeting held on 30th and 31st January, 1993, the Ntaional Steering Committee set up by the Ministry of Human Resource Development to review school textbooks from the standpoint of national integration has made suggestions to keep textbooks free from communal and anti-national influence. The report of the National Steering Committee with its suggestions was discussed in the Conference of State Education Minister and Educationists held on 1.2.1993 and as per the decision taken in the Conference, the Commttees' report has been sent to the States|UTs for their views, which are awaited. The Conference has recommended a Plan of Action both for the Central Government and State/UT Governments with the required costitutional and legal authority. Further action would depend on the view of the States|UTs with reference to the suggestions made by the National Steering Committee.

Setting up of a Rural University

567. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a Rural University; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b): There is no propoal to set up a Rural University. The Programme of Action 1992, however, envisages a Central Council of Rural Institutes to be set up. The proposed Council would:

(i)promote the concept of rural education on the lines of Mahatma Gandhi's revolutionary ideas on education as envisaged in NPE, 1986; and

(ii) consolidate and develop institutions engaged in programmes of Gandhian Basic Education.

Measures to check Brain Drain

568. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the comparative percentage of brain drain during the years, 1990, 1991 and 1992 of engineers, doctors and scientists and what percentage of the total number of persons that come out annually in these fields does it constitute;

(b) what are the names of the countries where persons from these fields emigrate stating the estimated number of engineers, doctors, and scientists who emigrate to these countries annually; and